

SATURDAY, January 27, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Howell, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McKinnon, Meacham, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace, Walls and Weeks—16.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Long moved that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Weeks offered the following resolution:

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That a committee of two from the Senate and three from the Assembly be appointed to inquire into and report to the Senate the amount of money collected by the several timber and lumber agents of this State, and the disposition of such money, and that said committee be authorized to send for persons and papers if necessary.

Mr. Walls moved its adoption;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. Wallace introduced Senate bill No. 29:

To be entitled an act for the relief of E. L. Otis;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 26, 1877.

*To the Hon. President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom were referred Assembly bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to authorize Anna Jernigan to establish a ferry across the Escambia river.

Also Senate bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act to authorize George M. Whetstone to erect a dam for milling purposes, and a toll bridge across the Santa Fe river,

Beg leave to report, that having examined the same, recommend that said bills do pass.

F. M. McMEEKIN, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,  
TALLAHASSEE, January 26, 1877.

*To the President pro tem. of the Senate:*

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed bills, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 23: To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the discharge of certain Criminals who are insolvent, have examined the same and find it correctly engrossed.

Respectfully submitted,  
F. M. WEEKS, Ch'n,  
G. C. BRANTLEY.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Assembly bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to authorize Anna Jernigan to establish a Ferry across the Escambia river,

Was taken up and read the second time.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rule be suspended, and that the bill be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—16.

Nays—Messrs. Hill, Meacham, Osgood and Wallace—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Mr. Walls moved a reconsideration;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Walls moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill No 15:

To be entitled an act authorizing George M. Whetstone to establish a Ferry across the Santa Fe river,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Weeks moved that the rule be suspended, and that the bill be read the third time, and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman,

Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17  
Nays—Mr. Meacham—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Senate bill No. 23:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the Discharge of Criminals who are insolvent,  
Was read the third time, and put upon its passage.

Upon the question, Shall the bill pass?

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Hill, Johnson, Long, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, Meacham, Orman, Osgood, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Wallace and Weeks—17.

Nays—Mr. McMeekin—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Assembly.

Mr. Meacham asked to be excused until Monday morning next;

Which was agreed to.

Under a suspension of the rule, Mr. McKinnon called up Senate bill No. 17, in regard to public roads;

Which was read, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. McCaskill, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The doors being opened, Mr. Hendry introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It appears from the communication of the Hon. C. Drew, Comptroller, that in all probability it may be impossible for a full report showing the defaulting Collectors of Revenue, the amounts in default, and the amount of poll tax collected for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, to be made during the present Session, therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That the Comptroller take sufficient time to accomplish the work required by this body, and the report, when completed, be published in each county in this State where there is a paper published;

Which was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Osgood, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning.

#### REMOVALS.

Wm. R. Hillyer, from office County Judge, Marion county.  
J. A. McDaniel, from office of Assessor, Marion county.  
Wm. H. LeCain, from office of Clerk, Marion county.  
Wm. J. McGrath, from office of Sheriff, Marion county.

#### CONFIRMATIONS.

John N. McIntosh, as County Judge, Marion county.  
Thomas Barco, as Assessor, Marion county.  
Henry W. Long, as Clerk, Marion county.  
Francis D. Carver, as Sheriff, Marion county.  
Fred N. Foy, as Collector, Marion county.

MONDAY, January 29, 1877.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President *pro tem.* in the chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brantley, Cottrell, Hendry, Johnson, Long, Lykes, McCaskill, McGuire, McKinnon, McMeekin, Orman, Patterson, Richard, Walker, Walls and Weeks—17.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Lykes moved that the further reading of the journal be dispensed with;

Which was agreed to, and the journal corrected and approved.

Mr. Lykes presented the following petition:

*To the Legislature of the State of Florida:*

The undersigned citizens of Crystal River and vicinity, respectfully sheweth to your honorable body that a large quantity of goods are annually shipped to and from the head of Crystal river, and that the amount so shipped is increasing; that by reason of the sinuosity and narrowness of the channel from Crystal river to the Gulf, navigation is difficult, and much time is lost in going out of and coming into said river; that, with a reasonable outlay, the said channel can be made straight and navigation much improved, and the interests of this community much advanced.

Your petitioners further show that there is a considerable quantity of internal improvement lands in the vicinity of said river, and that the appropriation of said lands to the improvement of the channel of said river will tend greatly to enhance the prosperity of this section of the State. Your petitioners therefore pray that the said internal improvement lands in the